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SUBJECT: UNIDO IGC-V - ARTICLE 9, DRAFT CONSTITUTION

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1. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT CHARTER FORMULA FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF PERSONNEL IS ESSENTIAL. DEL SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THE PHRASE: „ON AS WIDE A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS AS POSSIBLE“.

2. ABOVE LANGUAGE IMPLIES THAT RECRUITMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH DUE REGARD FOR QUALIFICATIONS AS WELL AS CONSIDERATION FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF CANDIDATES. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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G-77 FORMULATION CLEARLY PLACES THE GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE GEOGRAPHIC FACTOR, WHICH APPROACH COULD PREJUDICE THE EFFICIENCY, COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THE STAFF BEING RECRUITED.

3. WE FEEL THE ARGUMENT OF G-77 IN FAVOR OF THE IFAD APPROACH IS UNPERSUASIVE. UNIDO IS DEALING WITH QUITE

A DIFFERENT SET OF SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES THAN THOSE PERTINENT TO IFAD. IN THE AREA OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION THERE IS A GREATER GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF HUMAN COMPETENCE THAN IN REGARD TO INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY.

4. DEL MIGHT EMPHASIZE THAT FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PARTICIPANTS UNIDO MUST HAVE THE BEST PEOPLE ON ITS STAFF REGARDLESS OF ORIGIN RATHER THAN THE WIDEST GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION.

5. AS FOR ARGUMENT OF LDC'S THAT IFAD FORMULATION WAS AGREED TO BY "MINISTERS" AND THEY CANNOT RETURN WITH A FORMULATION LESS FAVORABLE THAN THAT OF IFAD, YOU MIGHT WISH TO REPLY THAT THE UN CHARTER FORMULATION, REPRODUCED IN OTHER CONSTITUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NOT ONLY HAS APPROVAL OF MINISTERS BUT OF CHIEFS OF STATE AND PARLIAMENTS AND THAT, FOR ITS PART, THE USG IS NOT PREPARED TO DEPART HERE FROM ESTABLISHED LANGUAGE WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND U.S. SENATE HAVE ACCEPTED IN THE PAST.
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